ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 88-344-A Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Sandy Bottom -Petitioner

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The Petitioner herein requests a variance to permit a front yard setback of O feet in lieu of the required average of 40.50 feet and side yard setbacks of 0 feet in lieu of the required average of 30 feet, both for a proposed building as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioner, by Reverend Avery N. Penn, appeared, testified and was represented by Counsel. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition was Albert K. Broughton, Architect. There were no Protestants.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing. all of which was uncontradicted, it is the opinion of the Zoning Commissioner that the relief requested sufficiently complies with the requirements of Section 307 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and therefore, the variances should be granted. There is no evidence in the record that the subject variances would adversely affect the health, safety, and/or general welfare of the public. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioners.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, in the opinion of the Zoning Commissioner, the requested variances should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County day of March, 1988 that a front yard setback of 0 feet in lieu of the required average of 40.50 feet and side yard setbacks of 0 feet in lieu of

James W. Brooks, Esquire Piper & Marbury 🛴 🔭 36 S. Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: Petition for Zoning Variance NW/corner York Road and Bosley Avenue 9th Election District; 4th Councilmanic District

Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Sandy Bottom - Petitioner * Case No. 88-344-A

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-referenced case. Your Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted, subject to the restrictions noted in the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact this office.

> Polent Aprinco J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner of Raltimore County

Very truly yours,

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Albert K. Broughton, A.I.A.
1017 Chestnut Ridge Drive

the required average of 30 feet, both for a proposed building, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be approved, and as such, the Petition for Zoning Variance is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however. Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the applicable appellate process from this Order has exp'red. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> 2) The Petitioner shall comply with the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management as set forth in their comments dated December 2.

> > coning Commissioner of Baltimore County

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE NW/Corner York Rd. & Bosley Ave. (816 York Rd.), 9th Dist. : MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SANDY BOTTOM, Petitioner

BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

: Case No. 88-344-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notices should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> Phyllis Cole Friedman People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel Room 223, Court House Towson, Maryland 21204

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29th day of January, 1988, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to James W. Brooks, Jr., Esquire, Piper & Marbury, 36 S. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201, Attorney

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimere County and which is described in the description and plat stlached herete and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section 238, 1. to permit 4 front ward of zero in feet in lieu of the

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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) The Mount Olive Baptist Church has been located at this site for many years. Adjacent buildings and adjoining streets have grown up around the property over time and left the site incapable of meeting current requirements of the Baltimore County Zoning Pegulations. The existing church building is very old and the congregation's growth requires a facility the size of the one proposed. Approval of the variance will allow the best possible utilization of the existing site in the most cost-effective menner. Alternative orientations for the proposed building have been explored and denial of the Petition would impose practical difficulty and hardship upon the Petitioner. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the soming regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County,

1/We do solemnly declare and affirm. NEIC are the legal owner(s) of the property 3C which is the subject of this Petition Contract Purchaser: Mount Olive Baptist Church of The Beyerend dyery Renn. E-2,455 Attorney for Petitioner: James V. Brooks, Jr. Ble York Road821-1811 Type or Print Name)

Janus Al Bucherfe Towago, Maryland 21204 Piper & Marbury Ja S. Charles Street Name, address and phone sumber of legal owner, con-tract purchaser or representative to be contacted Baltimore Matyland 21201 James. W. Arooks, Jr.

Name
Piper & Marbury, 36 S. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201 576-1758

Phone No. Attorney's Telephone No.: 576-1758 ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Bultimore County, this ______ day

County, on the 522 day of March, 19.55, at 20 o'clock

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

TOWSON, MD., Feb. 11. 19.88 THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., appearing on Feb. 11. 10. 88

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Surveyor's Description

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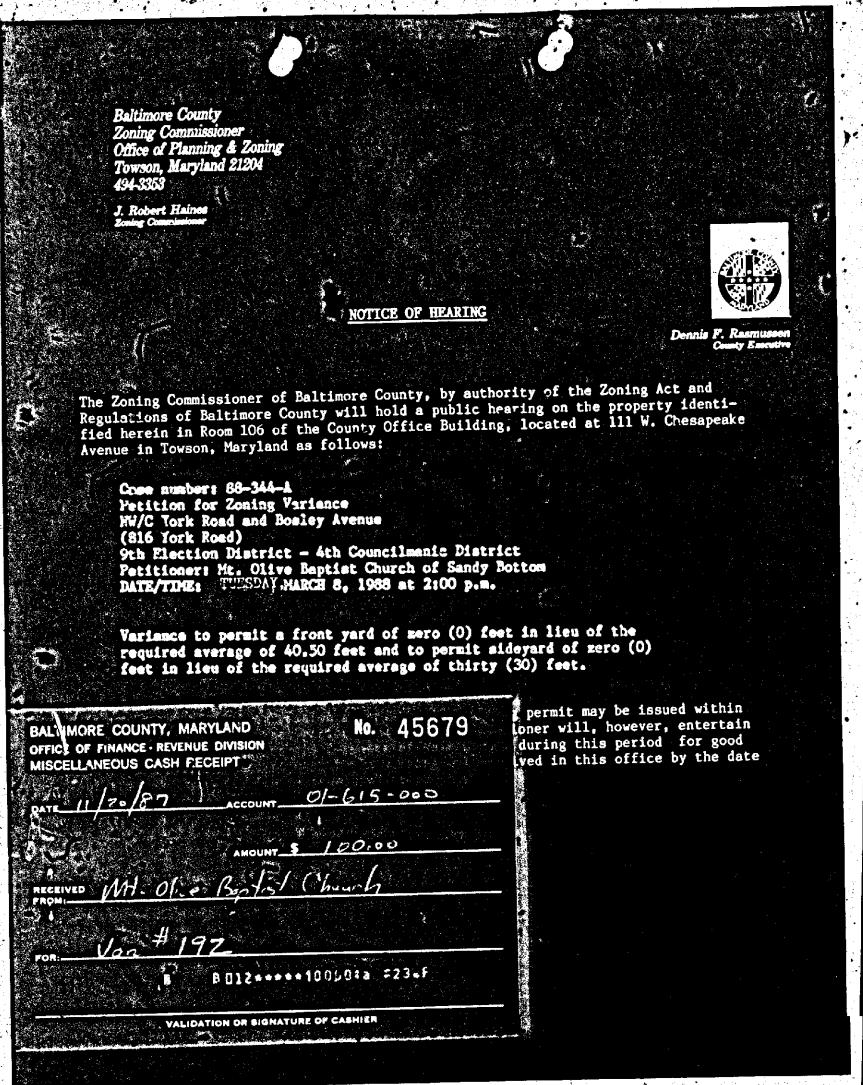
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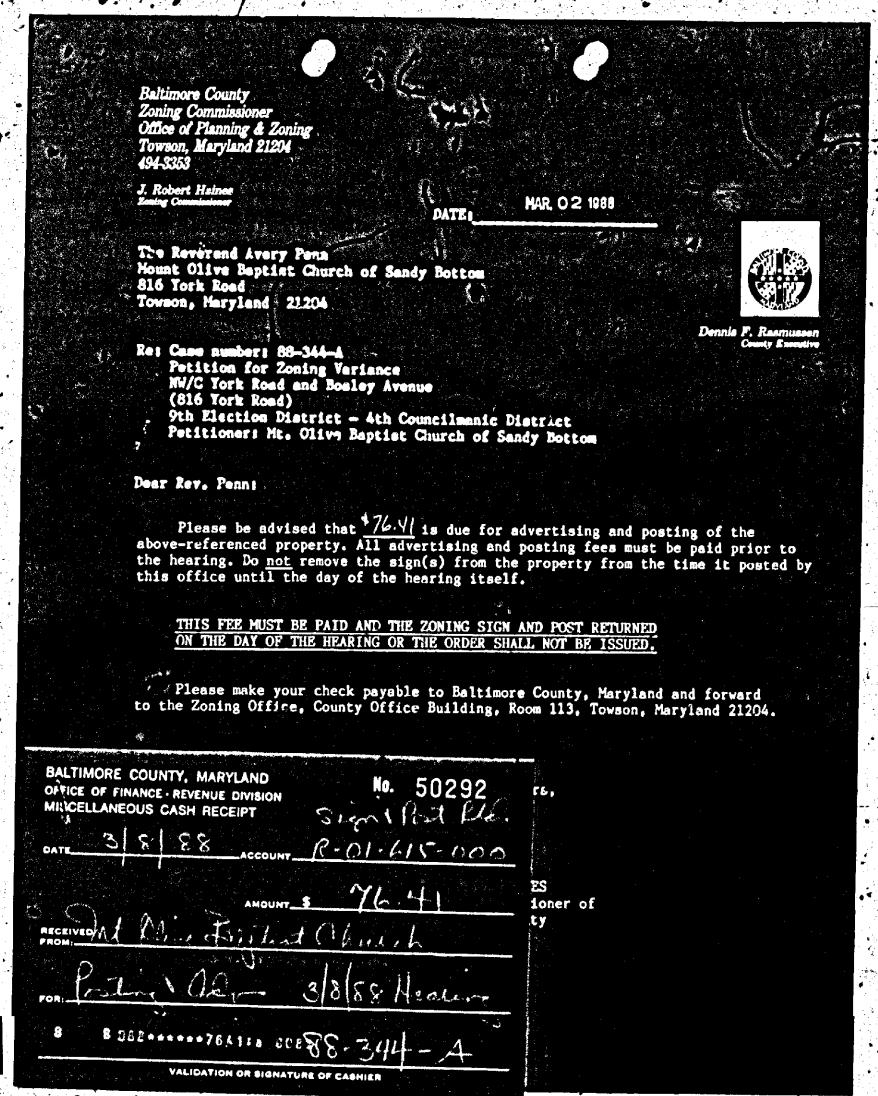
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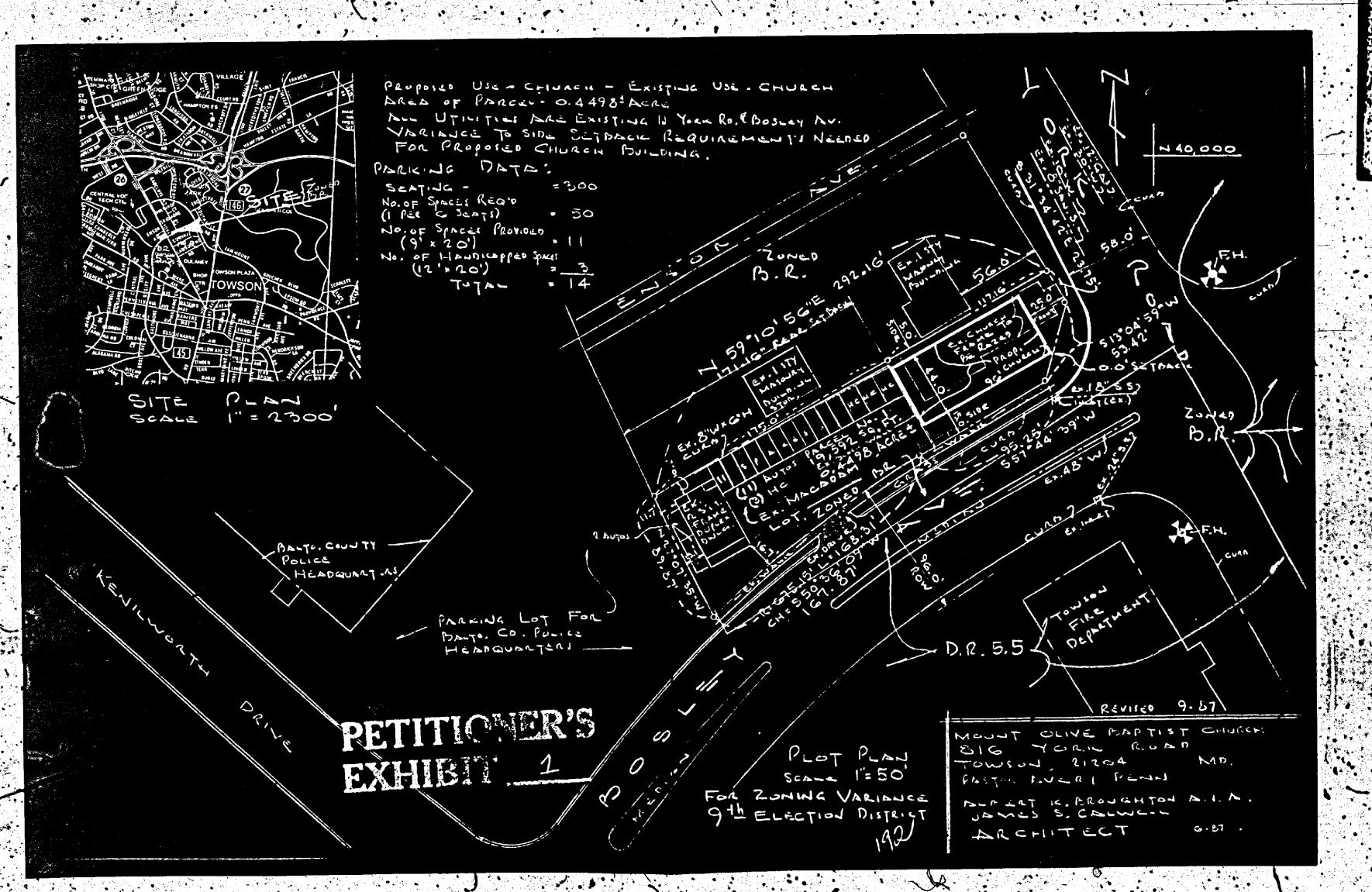
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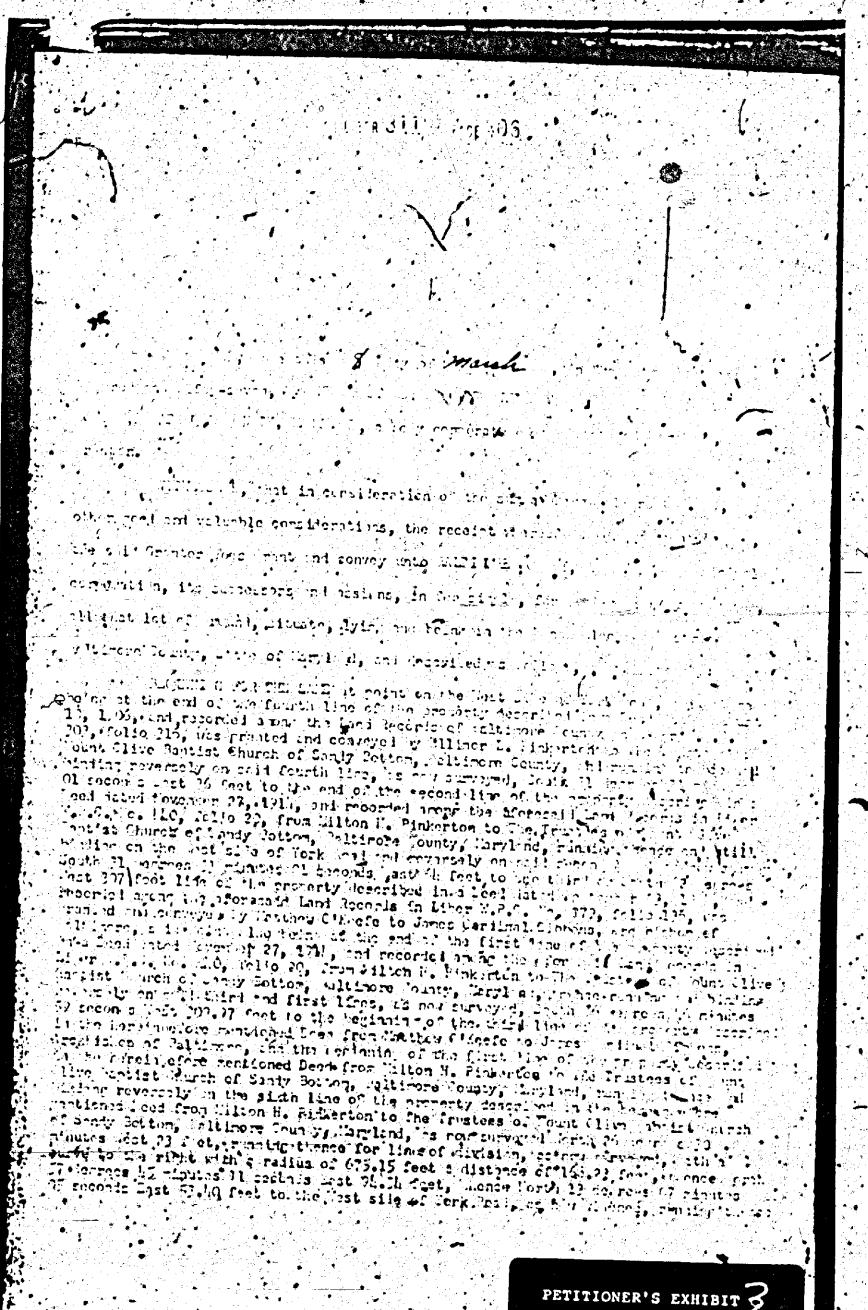
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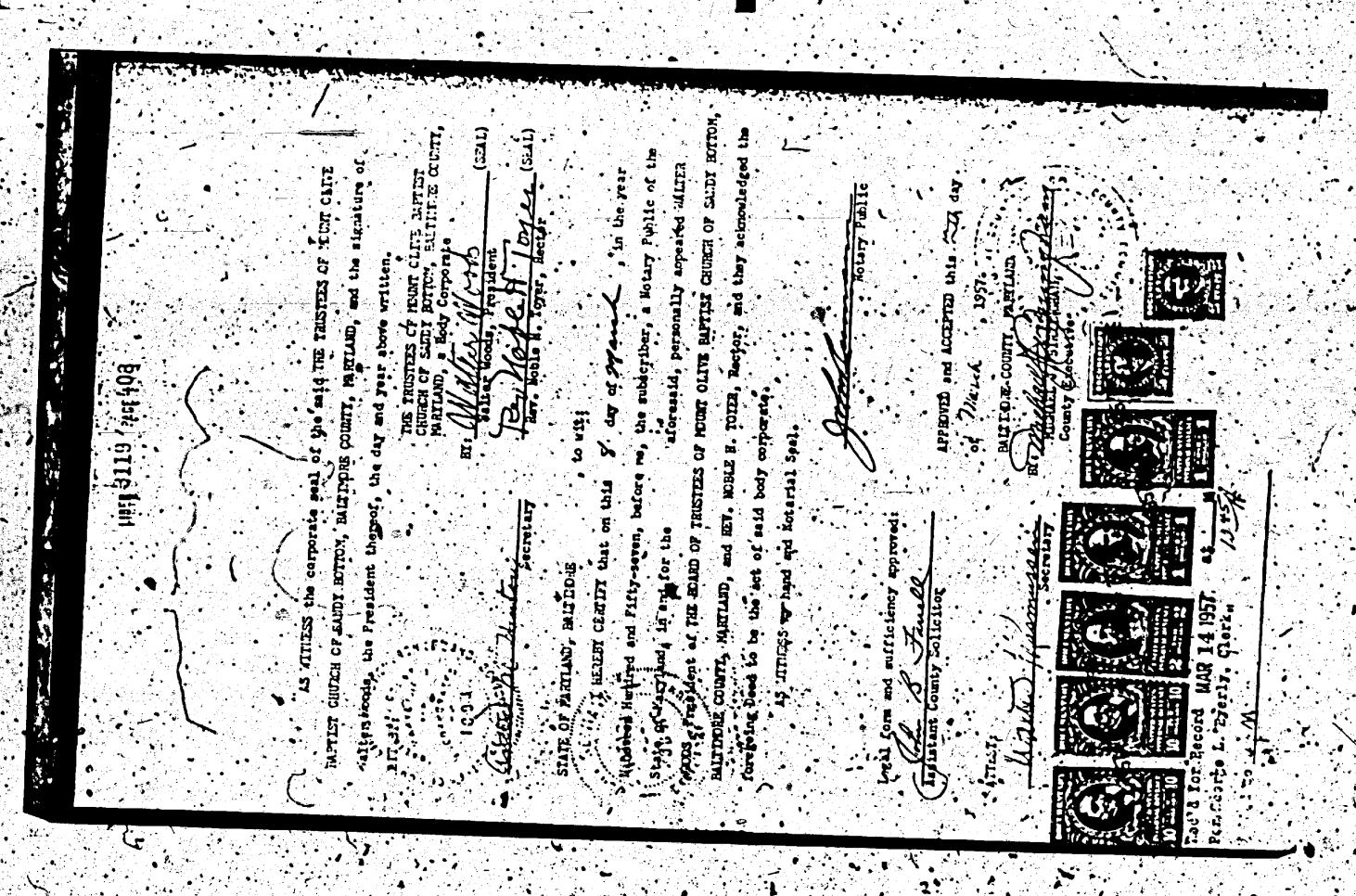
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BIOGRAPHICAL OUTLINE The second secon Albert K. Broughton, A.I.A., M.P.A. 1017 Chestnut Ridge Drive Lutherville, Haryland 21093 Born: Beltimore City, Maryland - August 8, 1928 Education:

High School - Baltimore Poly echnic Institute - Graduated 1947
General Technical Course (B-Course) Maryland Institute - Architectural and Engineering Drafting -Graduated 1949 Johns Hopkins University - Certificate Degree/Architecture - 1959

University of Baltimore - Bachelor of Arts Degree - Pre-Law -University of Baltimore - Graduate School, Masters Degree in Public Administration - Graduated 1981

University of Baltimore - Graduate School, Masters Degree - Legal Studies - Graduated 1985

Continuing Education Courses:

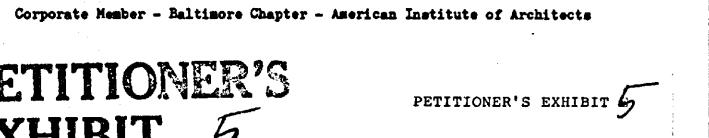
Catonsville Community College - Credited Courses in Building and Fire Codes; Maryland Construction Law, completed 10 week course (2.5 CEU's) sponsored through Baltimore/ Washington Chapters of A.I.A. and C.S.I.

Licensed to practice architecture in Maryland since June, 1960, licensed to practice architecture in Pennsylvania since 1963. I have 23 years of diversified general practice of architecture, designing building types such as: medical centers, office buildings, apartments, schools, libraries, churches, banks and residences. Positions Held:

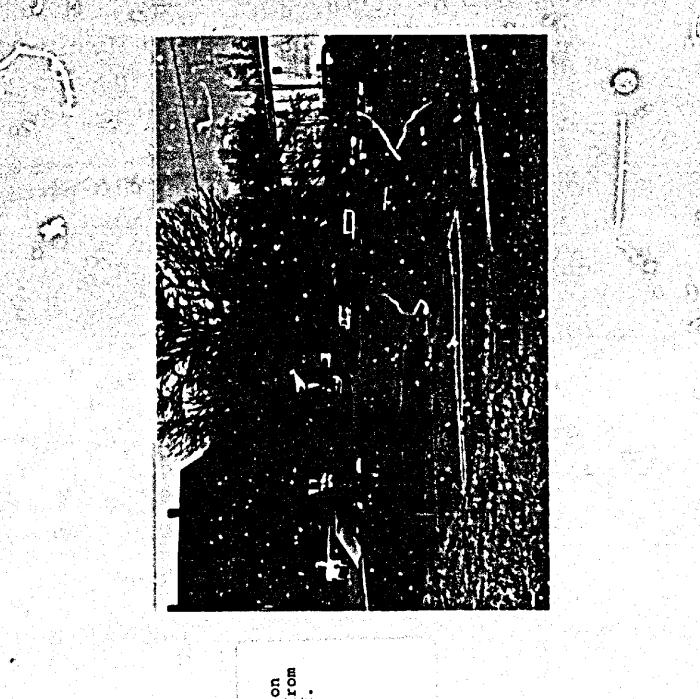
Eastern Regional Architect for Montgomery Ward Company, responsible for the design and construction of retail facilities in 17 Eastern seaboard states (5 years). Head of Plans Review and Approval for the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: responsible for review and approval of all licensable medical facilities throughout the state. (16 years) Professional Affiliation:

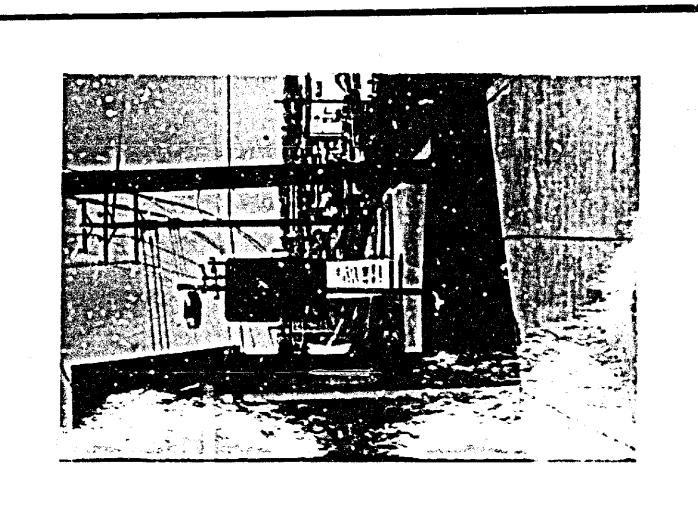
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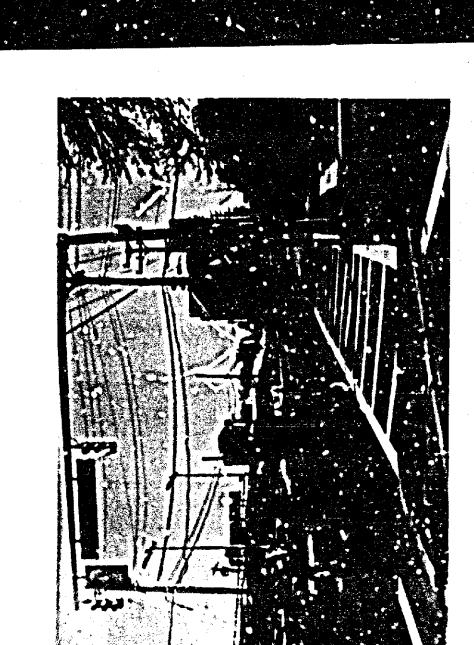
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BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PRESCUITON AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Zoning Item # 192, Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of December 1, 1987

Property Owner: Mount Olive Baptist Church of Sandy Bottom

Location: NWIC York Rd. and Bosley Ave.

District metro Sewage Disposal metro Water Supply

Prior to approval of a Building Permit for construction, renovation and/or installation of equipment for any existing or proposed food service facility, complete plans and specifications must be submitted to the Plans Review Section, Bureau of Regional Community Services, for final review and approval. (if Church intends to have a commercial Kitchen), Prior to new installation/s of fuel burning equipment, the owner shall contact the Bureau of Air Quality Management, 494-3775, to obtain requirements for such installation/s before work begins. () A permit to construct from the Bureau of Air Quality Management is required for such items as spray paint processes, underground gasoline storage tank/s (5,000 gallons or more) and any other equipment or process which exhausts into the atmosphere.

) A permit to construct from the Bureau of Air Quality Management is required for any charbroiler operation which has a total cooking surface area of five (5) square feet or more.

) Prior to approval of a Building Permit Application for renovations to existing or construction of new health care facilities, complete plans and specifications of the building, food service area and type of equipment to be used for the food service operation must be submitted to the Plans Review and Approval Section, Division of Engineering and Maintenance, State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for review and approval.

() Prior to any new construction or substantial alteration of public swimming pool, wading pool, bathhouse, saunas, whiripools, hot tubs, water and sewerage facilities or other appurtenances pertaining to health and safety; two (2) copies of plans and specifications must be submitted to the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management for review and approval. For more complete information, contact the Recreational Hygiene Section, Bureau of Regional Community Services, 454-3811.) Prior to approval for a nursery school, owner or applicant must comply with all Baltimore County regulations. For more complete information, contact the Division of Maternal and Child Health. () If lubrication work and oil changes are performed at this location, the method providing for the climination of waste oil must be in accordance with the State Department of the Environment.

Prior to razing of existing atructure/s, petitioner must contact the Division of Waste Management at 494-3768, regarding removal and/or disposal of potentially hazardous materials and solid wastes. Petitioner must contact the Bureau of Air Quality Management regarding removal of asbestos, 494-3775. Any abandoned underground storage tanks containing gasoline, waste oil, solvents, etc., must have the contents removed by a licensed hauler and tank removed from the property or properly backfilled. Prior to removal or abandenment, owner must contact the Division of Waste Management at 494-3768.

Soil percolation tests, have been _____, must be _____, conducted.

() The results are valid until

() Soil percolation test results have expired. Petitioner should contact the Division of Water and Sewer to determine whether additional tests are required.) Where water wells are to be used as a source of water supply, a well meeting the minimum Baltimore County Standards must be trill ...

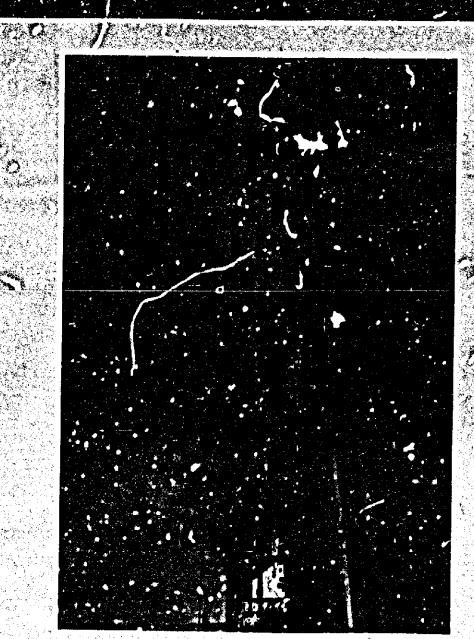
() In accordance with Section 13-117 of the Baltimore County Code, the water well yield test

) shall be valid until

) is not acceptable and must be retested. This must be accomplished prior to conveyance of property and approval of Building Permit Applications. () Prior to occupancy approval, the potability of the water supply must be verified by collection of bacteriological and chemical water samples.

) If submission of plans to the County Review Group is required, a Hydrogeological Study and an Environmental Effects Report must be submitted.

BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



The Bureau of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items number 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, and 193.

Very truly yours,

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Traffic Engineer Associate II

Baltimore County

Department of Public Works

Bureau of Traffic Engineering Courts Building, Suite 405

Mr. J. Robert Haines

Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Haines:

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Towson, Maryland 21204

Baltimore County Fire Department Towson, Maryland 21204-2586 4°4-4500 ·

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Pani H. Reincke J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building

Property Owner: Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Sandy Bottom

Location: NW/c York Rd., and Bosley Avenue Item No.: 192

Zoning Agenda: Meeting of 12/1/87

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below marked with an "X" are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

() 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals or _____ feet along an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Works.

() 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site.

EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department.

() 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at

() 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

(x) 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code," 1976 edition prior to occupancy.

() 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn.

REVIEWER: Cutt Joseph Telly 12.10-F7 Approved:

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BALTI MORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James W. Brooks, Jr., Esquire Piper & Marbury 36 S. Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201

> RE: Item No. 192 - Case No. 88-344-A Petitioner: Mount Olive Baptist Church of Sandy Bottom Petition for Zening Variance

Dear Mr. Brooks: Apartment of

> The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above-referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. The Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

Very truly yours,

anes E. Difer /KILPS Chairman

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

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ZONING UFFICE

December 4, 1987

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Attention: Mr. James Dyer

Re: ZAC Meeting of 12-1-87 ITEM: #192. Property Owner: Mount Olice Baptist Church of Sandy Bottom Location: NW/C York Road, Route 45 and Bosley Avenue And Bosley Avenue
Existing Zoning: B.R.
Proposed Zoning: Variance to permit
a front yard of zero (0) feet in
lieu of the required average of 40.50;
feet and to permit side yards of zero
(0) feet in lieu of the required
average of thirty feet
Area: 0.4498 acres
District: 9th Election District

Dear Mr. Haines:

On review of the submittal of Item #192, the State Highway Administration - Bureau of Engineering Access Permits finds the plan generally acceptable with no access to York Road (Maryland

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Brocato of this office.

Very truly yours, Creston J. Mills, Jr. Acting Chief Bureau of Engineering Access Permits

LB:maw cc: Mr. J. Ogle

> My telephone number is (301) 333-1350 Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech
> 383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free
> 707 North Caivert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 29th day of December , 1987.

Petitioner Hount Olive Baptist Church Received by: Petitioner's of Sandy Bottom Attorney James W. Brooks, Jr., Esquire

Chairman, Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

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February 29, 1988

Mr. J. Robert Haines Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Commissioner Haines:

Enclosed in connection with the Petition for Zoning Variance filed by Mount Olive Baptist Church of Sandy Bottom (Case No. 88-344-A) is a Memorandum in Support of Petition for Zoning Variance setting forth the basic facts and arguments of the case. Our presentation at the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 1988 at 2:00 p.m. will be based upon this

> Sincerely, James W. Brooks, Jr.

576-1758

cc w/Enc. Reverend Avery Penn Albert K. Broughton Phyllis Cole Friedman, Esq. Peter Max Zimmerman, Esq.

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE NW/C York Road and b '- 'e'. Avenue (816 York Road) 9th Election District() 4th Councilmanic District Mount Olive Baptist Church of Sandy Bottom,

COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 88-344-A

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

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Petitioner

The Mount Olive Baptist Church of Sandy Bottom (the "Church"), through its legal counsel James W. Brooks, Jr., respectfully submits this Memorandum in Support of Petition for Zoning Variance. As the testimony and evidence which the Church will present at the public hearing for this case, scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 1988 at 2:00 p.m. will show, the Church, pursuant to Section 307 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, 1987 Edition (the "BCZR"), is in good faith requesting a variance from the front yard and side yard requirements of the B.R. (Business, Roadside) Zone, set forth in Sections 238.1 and 238.2 of the BCZR.

Strict compliance with such regulations will render the Church unable to build a new house of worship on its property and result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship to the Church. The variance requested and the proposed church building are in harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.R. Zone area regulations. The design and location of the proposed building take into account the

leased land in fee simple and on this lot, which was rectangular in shape with a boundary of 36 feet along the York Turnpike Road and a depth of 100 feet, constructed the original portion of the Existing Building in 1906-07. In 1914 the Thurch purchased additional contiguous land and the combination of these properties produced a lot which was rectangular in shape with a boundary of 100 feet along the York Road Turnpike and a depth of 300 feet, comprising approximately seven-tenths

On March 8, 1957 in connection with the extension of Bosley Avenue and the widening of York Road, the Church conveyed approximately three-tenths of an acre of its land to Baltimore County, Maryland, leaving the Property in its present configuration, containing approximately forty-five hundredths of an acre. At this time the duplex now located on the western end of the Property was moved to that location from its original site adjacent to York Road.

III. Church Use, Growth and the Proposed Building

Regularly scheduled events at the Church include prayer meetings and bible study on Wednesday evenings (7:30-9:00 p.m.) and Sunday services consisting of church school (9:20 a.m.) and worship services (10:50 a.m.). Approximately fifteen times a year the Church holds Sunday evening worship services. The Church is also used by the congregation for wedding and funeral services.

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The size of the Church congregation increased significantly in recent years. Sunday worship services frequently draw more than 185 persons, exceeding the seating capacity of the Existing Building. The educational space at the rear of the Existing Building used for church school is inadequate in size, layout and utilities. These factors, combined with continued maintenance costs of the Existing Building and its inability to accommodate further expansion, have led to the Church's decision to raze the Existing Building and construct a new facility on the same site (the "Proposed Building").

The Proposed Building will be rectangular in shape with a length of 96 feet and a width of 44 feet. The lower level will contain educational space for the church school and the main level and balcony will provide seating for 300 persons. The Proposed Building will be set back 25 feet from York Road, in contrast to the Existing Building which fronts directly upon York Road. This front setback, together with a side setback of 15 feet along Bosley Avenue, means that the majority of the Proposed Building will be located over the former footprint of the Existing Building and will preserve the line-of-sight to the intersection of York Road and Bosley Avenue necessary for vehicles traveling north on Bosley Avenue. The setback for the northern edge of the Proposed Buidling will be no less than that presently provided by the Existing Building and rear yard area requirements of the BUZR will be satisfied by the Proposed Building.

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constraints presented by the Church property and its immediate surroundings. Approval of the variance will not result in an injury to the public health, safety or general welfare.

I. Description of Existing Property

The Church is located at 816 York Road, Towson, Maryland, on the northwest corner of the intersection of York Road and Bosley Avenue (the "Property"). The Property is irregularly shaped with an eastern boundary of approximately 24 feet along York Road, a curving southern boundary adjacent to Bosley Avenue of approximately 260 feet, a western boundary of approximately 90 feet which begins on Bosley Avenue and extends northwesterly, parallel to York Road, and a northern boundary of approximately 292 feet. The Plat and Surveyor's Description filed with the Petition for Zoning Variance provide detailed perimeter information.

The Property is bounded on the north by an automobile repair shop, on the east across York Road by a gasoline service station, on the south across Bosley Avenue by the Towson Fire Department, Company No. 1 and the Baltimore County Fire Department Headquarters and Training Academy (the "Fire Department"), and on the west by the Baltimore County Police Department Headquarters (the "Police Department").

The western end of the Property is improved with a two-story frame duplex dwelling which the Church leases to two families at below-market rents. The eastern end of the

Property is improved with a one-story frame church building, originally constructed in 1906-07 with an addition added in the 1920's (the "Existing Building"). The Existing Building seats approximately 185 people and, although its interior has been remodeled, is reaching the point where both maintenance costs and a need for greater seating capacity dictate that the best course of action is to replace the structure.

The Property also includes a parking lot located between the duplex and the Existing Building with an entrance onto Bosley Avenue. This lot currently provides parking for approximately 20 cars. As evidenced by a letter dated September 1, 1987 from Cornelius J. Behan, Chief of Police, the original of which was filed by the Church with the Petition for Zoning Variance, the Church allows Police Department personnel to park on the Property during weekdays and in return members of the Church are permitted to use the Police Department parking lot on weekends. This sharing arrangement provides both participants with additional parking spaces in close proximity to the principal uses served.

II. Historical Background

The Church will be 100 years old in May, 1988. It was incorporated as a church in the State of Maryland on June 26. 1893. In that same year the Church acquired its initial interest, as a tenant, in a portion of what now constitutes the Property. Three years later in 1896 the Church bought the

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IV. Traffic and Parking

The location of the Proposed Building preserves the existing parking lot on the Property. An alternative location, placing the Proposed Building on the existing parking area and moving the parking closer to York Road is not acceptable because (i) while front yard requirements might be satisfied, a variance for side yard requirements would still be required; and (ii) movement of the parking lot entrance closer to the intersection of York Road and Bosley Avenue is not desirable.

Traffic and parking issues are adequately addressed for the following reasons: (a) Church activities, concentrated on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, occur av off-peak hours for traffic flow; (b) the Proposed Building's seating capacity of 300 persons requires 50 parking spaces (1 for each 6 seats) pursuant to Section 409.2(b)(1) of the BCZR and of that total 14 spaces will be provided on the Propety and more than 36 spaces are available on the Police Department parking lot; and (c) approximately one-third of the Church congregation is over sixty-five years of age and either attend services with others or are dropped off and picked up, rather than driving themselves.

V. Conclusion

The Church has a long history at the Property and it is important to the congregation to remain at this location. The Existing Building was constructed many years before the

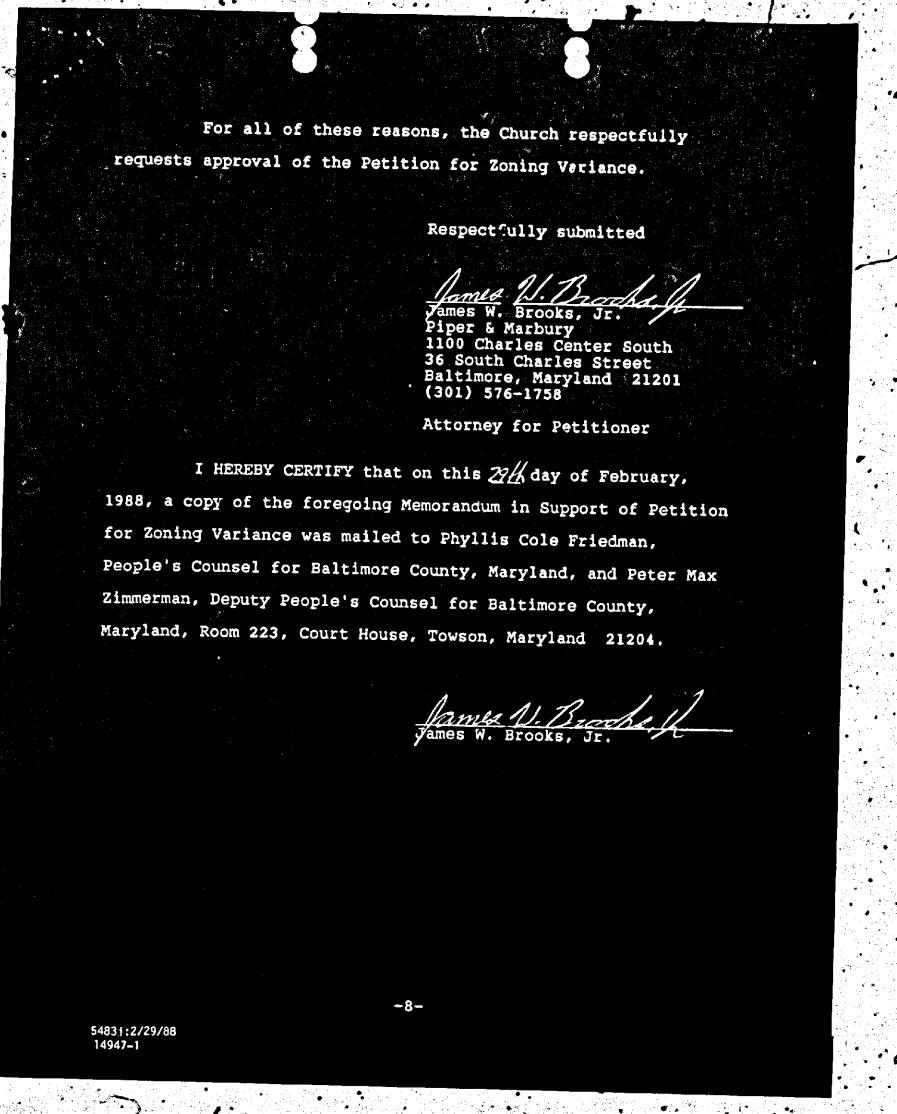
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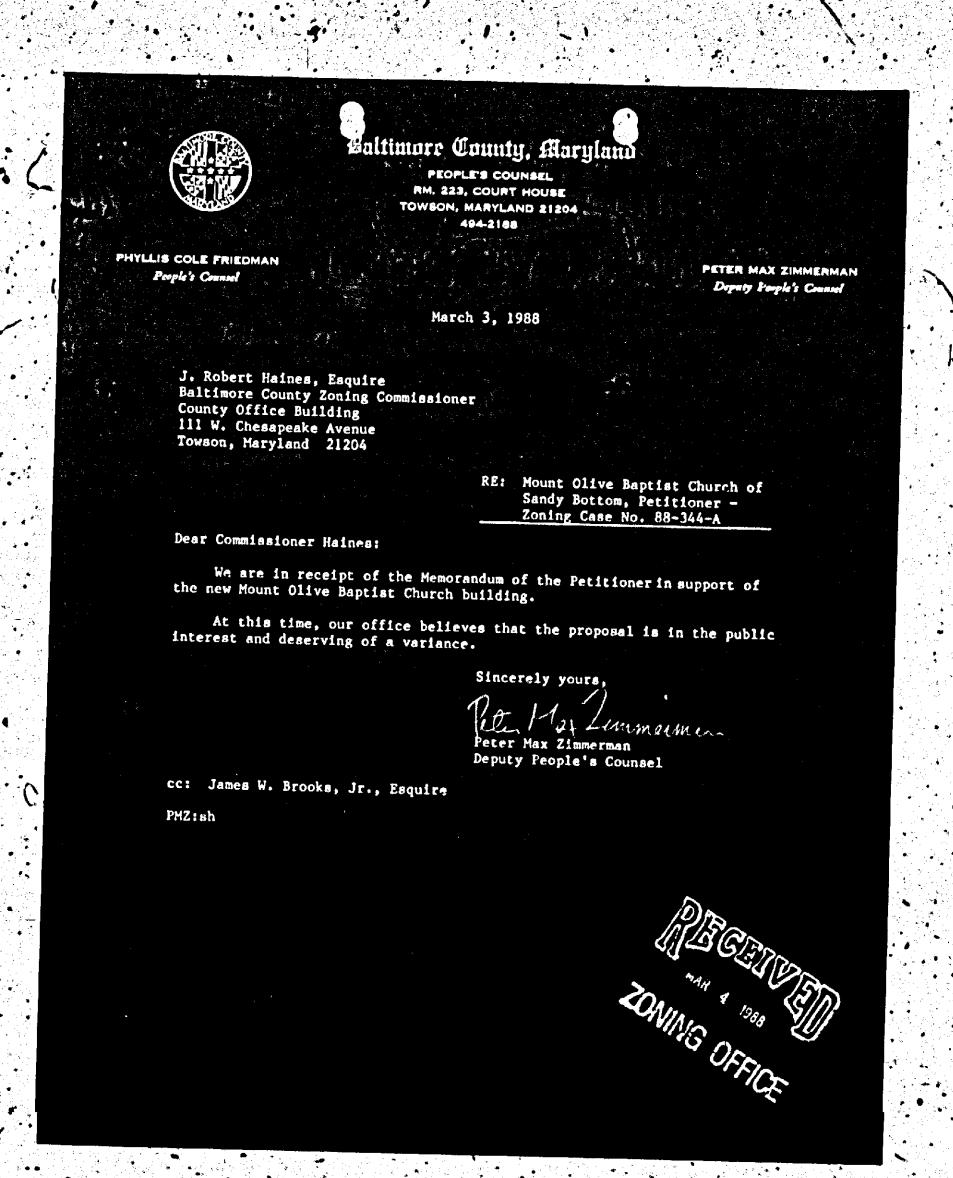
enactment of zoning regulations in Baltimore County, Maryland in 1945. The extension of Bosley Avenue and the widening of York Road in 1957 took away a major portion of the Church's land, leaving the remainder unsuitable for the construction of almost any structure under strict compliance with the BCZR. The present Police Department, Fire Department and business uses all arose around the Church over the years, displacing the residential community which the Church originally served.

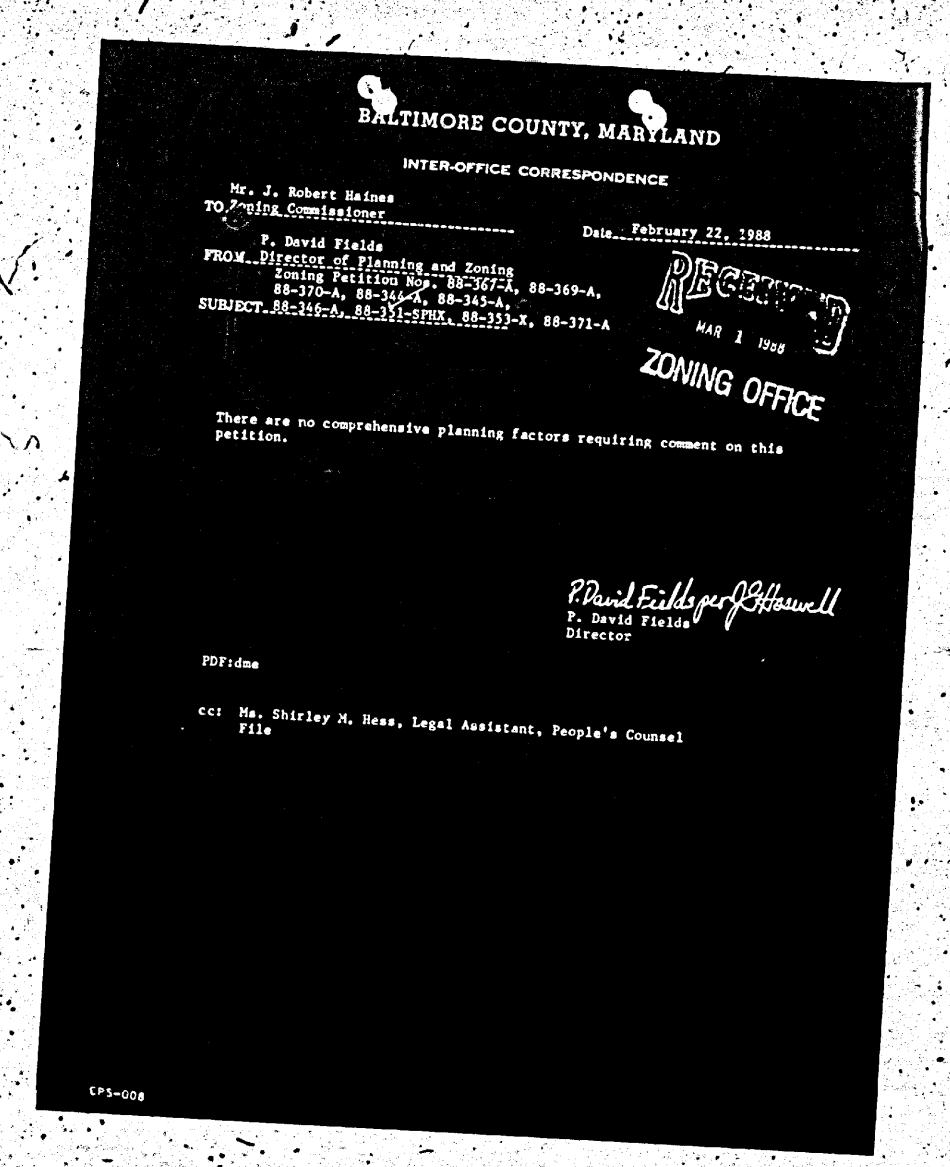
The Church, however, continues to grow and the Petition for Zoning Variance and the Proposed Building it contemplates, meet the Church's requirements while giving serious consideration to the limitations imposed by the Property and its surroundings. Replacement of the Fxisting Building with the Proposed Building and continued use of the Property as a place of worship will enhance the community. The Petition for Zoning Variance is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the BCZR. Denial will result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship on the Church and approval will not result in an injury to the public health, safety or general welfare.

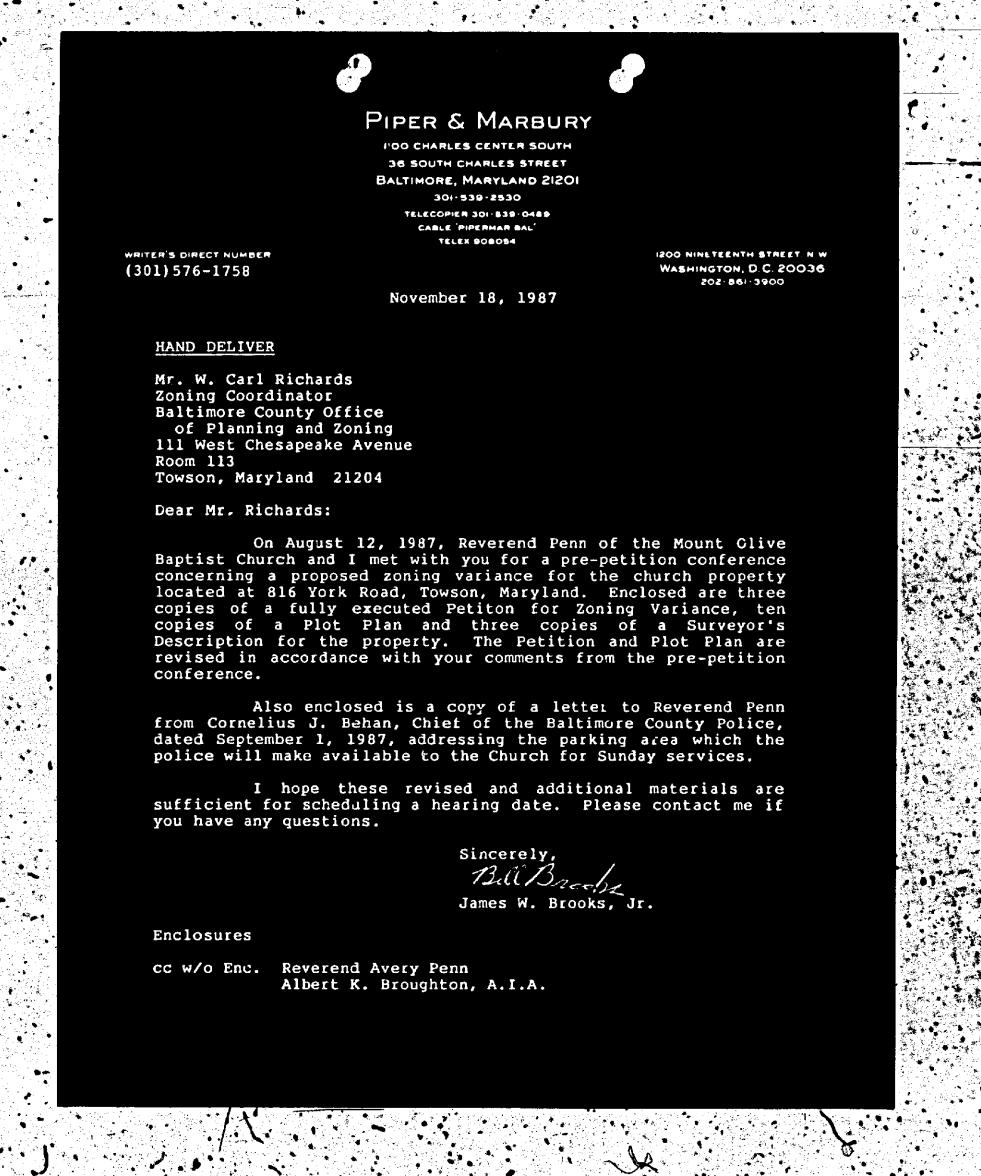
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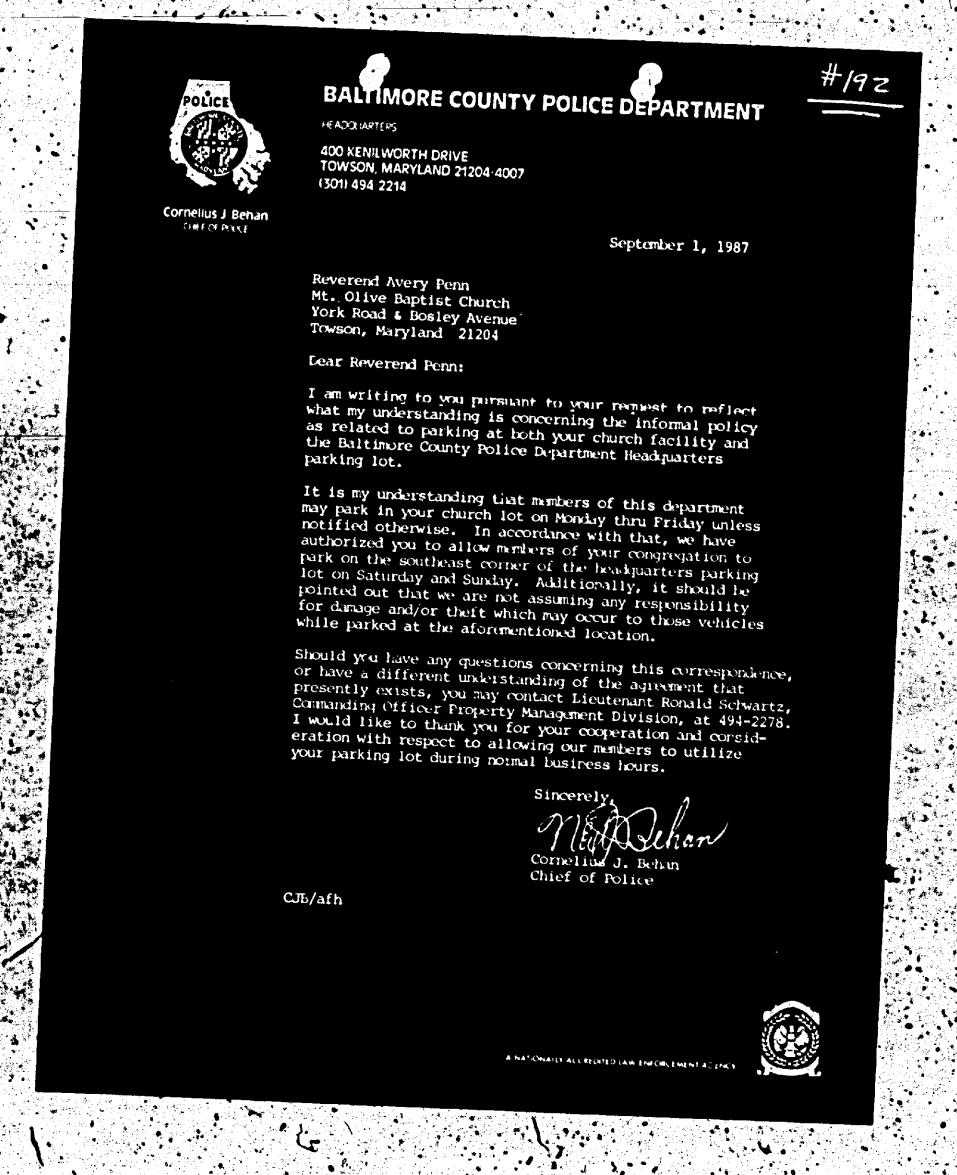
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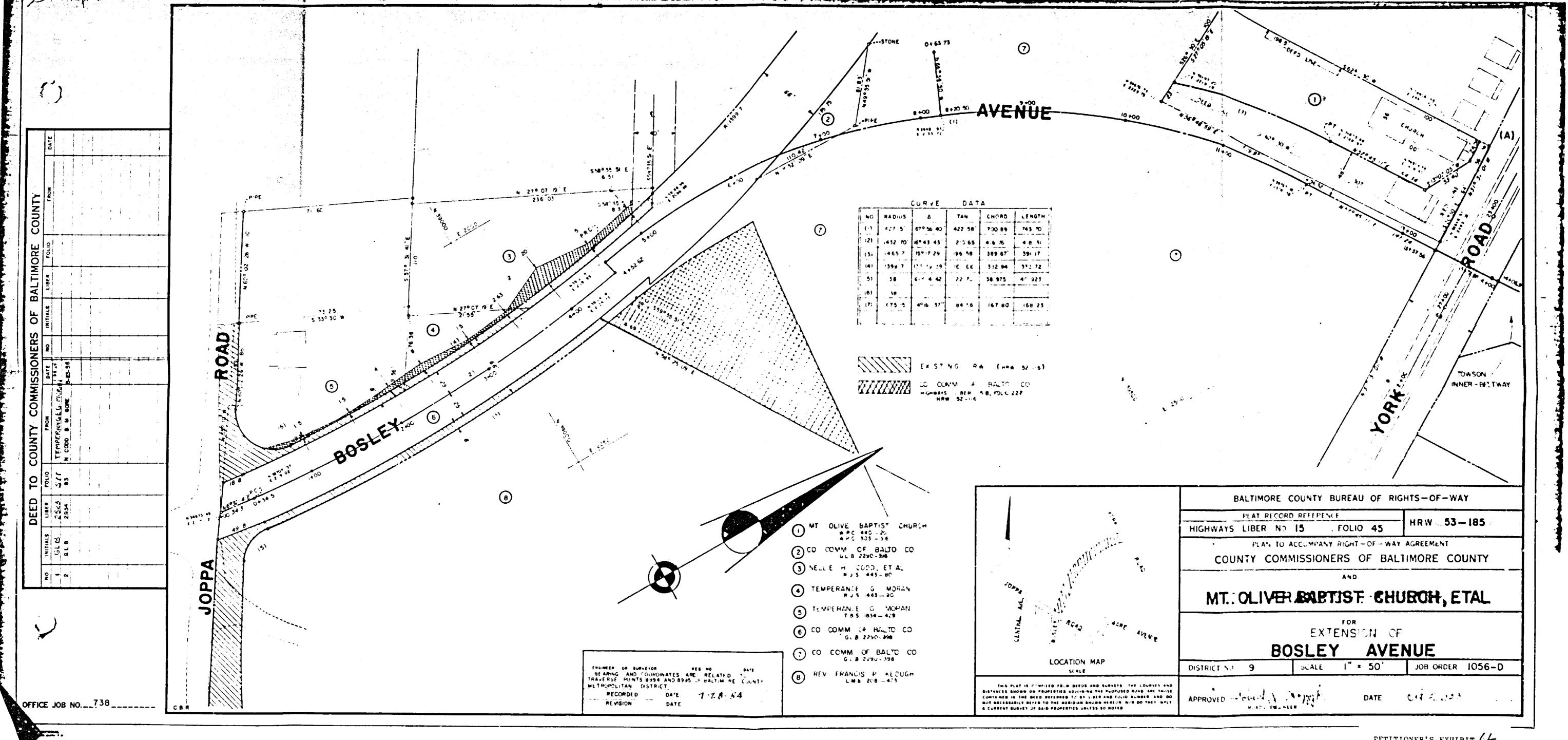












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